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***"AN ACT CONCERNING A COMMUTING INCENTIVE AND A
POLICY FOR ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERABLE PURCHASES
BY STATE AGENCIES."***

1 After line 115, insert the following:

2 "Sec. 5. (NEW) (a) Notwithstanding the provisions of sections 14-
3 164c and 14-164i of the general statutes, the Commissioner of Motor
4 Vehicles, in consultation with the Commissioner of Environmental
5 Protection, shall develop: (1) Exhaust emission standards for diesel-
6 powered motor vehicles; and (2) testing techniques, standards and
7 procedures for emission control features and equipment installed on a
8 motor vehicle with a gross weight greater than ten thousand pounds
9 that is equipped with a diesel engine, including, but not limited to, a
10 type I or type II school bus, that is registered or will be registered in
11 this state. Such testing techniques, standards and procedures shall
12 include, but not be limited to: (A) A requirement that on and after
13 January 1, 2005, all such motor vehicles shall be subject to emission
14 testing on a biennial basis, provided such testing take place at an

15 official weighing area or other location designated by the
16 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles; (B) the procedures to be followed for
17 vehicles that do not meet the exhaust emission standards, including an
18 unreasonable cost of repair to bring any such vehicle into compliance,
19 above which the commissioner may grant a waiver from compliance
20 with such standards; and (C) a fee schedule for such testing. The
21 Commissioner of Motor Vehicles shall adopt regulations, pursuant to
22 chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement such emission
23 standards and testing techniques, standards and procedures. The
24 regulations may also provide that in lieu of such testing, said
25 commissioner may accept the results of any emission testing done: (i)
26 By agreement with an owner or operator of a fleet of diesel-powered
27 commercial vehicles licensed by said commissioner pursuant to
28 subsection (f) of section 14-164c of the general statutes; or (ii) by any
29 licensed motor vehicle dealer or repairer authorized by said
30 commissioner to establish a diesel-powered commercial motor vehicle
31 inspection station.

32 (b) The Commissioner of Public Safety, in consultation with the
33 Commissioners of Environmental Protection and Motor Vehicles, shall
34 develop an enforcement program under which any motor vehicle,
35 other than a type I or type II school bus, traveling on a public highway
36 in this state, that is emitting visible exhaust may be stopped by a
37 member of the state police or a local police department and
38 immediately tested for compliance with emission standards. The
39 enforcement program shall include a schedule of fines for first and
40 subsequent violations of emissions standards. The Commissioner of
41 Public Safety shall adopt regulations, pursuant to chapter 54 of the
42 general statutes, for the purpose of implementing the provisions of this
43 subsection.

44 (c) The Commissioners of Motor Vehicles and Environmental
45 Protection, in consultation with the Secretary of the Office of Policy
46 and Management, shall study the feasibility of creating a diesel
47 emissions reduction program under which grants would be provided
48 to local and regional boards of education to replace old diesel-fueled

49 school buses with newer buses and to retrofit existing buses with
50 diesel particulate filters. Said commissioners shall evaluate the
51 feasibility of such a program with respect to its potential effect upon
52 the emission of fine particulate matter, the potential reduction in sulfur
53 dioxide and nitrous oxide emissions to be achieved under such
54 program, and the resulting effect of such reductions upon the health of
55 children in Connecticut, particularly children with asthma. Said
56 commissioners shall submit their findings and recommendations to the
57 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance
58 of matters relating to transportation and public health on or before
59 February 1, 2002.

60 Sec. 6. (a) Not later than October 1, 2001, the Commissioner of
61 Environmental Protection, in consultation with the commissioners of
62 Administrative Services and Transportation, shall establish a pilot
63 program for state fleet vehicles, excluding emergency vehicles, to use a
64 competitively priced, readily available fuel with significantly lower
65 emission production, including but not limited to B-20 bio-diesel fuel,
66 that does not require modification of existing diesel engines and does
67 not reduce vehicle performance.

68 (b) Not later than January 1, 2003, the Commissioner of
69 Environmental Protection shall submit a report on the pilot program
70 established in subsection (a) of this section to the joint standing
71 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
72 relating to the environment."